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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

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Prior Foreign Application(s):

Priority claimed

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, ss120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, ss112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, ss1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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